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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE MAY 24 PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DAILY
PRESS BRIEFING OF MAY 24 FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Q: HAVE WE THREATENED TO APPLY ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL
SANCTIONS ON ANY NATION HARBORING GUERRILLAS WAGING WAR
AGAINST RHODESIA OR SOUTH AFRICA? I BRING THAT UP BECAUSE
OF ANDREW YOUNG'S STATEMENT.

A: I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN INTERIOR
MINISTER SAYING THAT YOUNG VIOLATED HIS PRIOR AGREEMENT,
BEFORE GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA, BY MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL
POLITICS OF THAT COUNTRY?

A: THE U.S. DIDN'T MAKE AN AGREEMENT ABOUT WHAT AMBASSADOR
YOUNG WOULD OR WOULD NOT SAY WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA. AND
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IN FACT, WE WOULD NOT MAKE SUCH AN AGREEMENT. WE ALSO DID
NOT HAVE ANY OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS
ON THE SUBJECT.

Q: SO YOUR POINT IS THAT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT TO VIOLATE
IN THE FIRST PLACE?

A: THAT'S MY POINT.

Q: WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY THREATENED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, BUT ANDREW YOUNG WHEN HE WAS OVER THERE SUGGESTED THAT THE GUERRILLAS SHOULD USE NONVIOLENT MEANS AGAINST WHITE-RULED AFRICA. I WAS JUST WONDERING WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO APPLY THE SAME TYPE OF ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL THREATS AGAINST GOVERNMENTS WHICH HARBORED GUERRILLAS.

A: I THINK MY RESPONSE TO THAT IS SIMPLY I HAVE NOTHING ON IT AND, THEREFORE, I WOULD BE LED TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE NOT SUGGESTED SUCH A COURSE.

Q: YOUNG USED THE FIGURE THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD TO BRING IN FOUR OR FIVE MILLION AFRICANS INTO THE GOVERNMENT. WHY THAT FIGURE, SINCE THERE ARE ABOUT SIXTEEN MILLION?

A: I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE REASONING WAS THAT THE AMBASSADOR APPLIED IN THAT QUOTATION.
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